

## GOLF ADVISORY BOARD MINUTES Monday, September 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2014 ~ 8:00 am City Hall Conference Room 4000 Main Street, Rowlett TX 75088

PRESENT:

Barbara Holst, Larry Glick, Jerry Daniels, Brent Dorenbecker, Brad Marshall, Michael Daffin, Charles

Alexander, Vincent Leal

ABSENT:

Geoffrey Nichols

**VISITORS:** 

Eric Hatch

STAFF:

Brian Funderburk, City Manager; Don Tennant, Waterview Superintendent; Shelly Monroe, Parks and Recreations Administrative Assistant; Dru Bolen, General Manager of Waterview Golf Course; Rick Sheffield City Council Liaison; Jermel Stevenson, Director of Parks and Recreation

- 1. The meeting was called to order at 8:03 a.m. by Larry Glick.
- 2. Quorum present.
- Discuss and consider approving the minutes from the August 4, 2014 meeting.
   Brad Marshall made a motion to approve the August 4, 2014 minutes as corrected. Vince Leal seconded the motion. Approved 5 0.
- 4. Golf lessons at Waterview Golf Course, Eric Hatch.
  - a. L. Glick introduced E. Hatch.
  - E. Hatch expressed a situation occurring in regards to his son and golf lessons at Waterview Golf
    Course. He requested clarification on their policy in relation to golf lessons being held at the course.
  - c. After some discussion on casual and systematic lessons it resulted in that E. Hatch will meet with Dru Bolen to resolve the situation.
- 5. Review the 2 bids for tee boxes, bunkers, and lake. Make recommendations.
  - a. Jermel Stevenson summarized that last week Brian Funderburk and himself had a telephone conference with Craig Kniffen regarding the two bids. One bid was in the amount of \$156,000 and the second bid was in the amount of \$189,000.
  - b. L. Glick also mentioned he met with J. Stevenson and B. Funderburk last week to discuss the bids.
  - c. B. Funderburk voiced the proposal in the lesser amount includes 2 new tee boxes, 7 new bunkers and eliminates 5 bunkers. He further added that after more discussion the elimination of 5 bunkers was decreased to 3 bunkers. He further explained that the proposal is \$30,000 more than allocated budget.
  - d. L. Glick provided a summary of how the pavilion and the lake projects developed and feels the items for the other projects are appropriate for the course. He elaborated that more than likely these monies are the last funds to be provided at least over the next several years for any improvements to the golf course. He pointed out a couple issues within the contract with American Golf which lends him to feel American Golf may not spend monies on golf course amenities. The contract mentions "high end daily fee" on page one and repeated throughout the contract. Members agree the course is not this type of



course. He expressed concerns that American Golf has spent a large amount of funds but none of the expenses had to do with the course improvements itself.

- e. After further discussion B. Marshall recommended to not spend any of the designated funds for eliminating bunkers because this will allow approximately \$15,000 to help complete the other improvements. L. Glick suggested to decline a new bunker at the new hole # 1 (old #10) and by doing so it terminates the need to eliminate the bunker on left side of hole #15 (old #6).
- f. B. Marshall made a motion for recommendation to City Council to add a lake on hole # 1 at \$43,281, add a bunker on hole #2 at \$12,455.50, add two bunkers on hole #2 at \$22,823.00, add bunker on #4 at \$11,931.00, add a back tee box on hole #6 at \$5,115.00, add a bunker on hole #9 at \$9,180.75, add a bunker on #15 at \$11,483.25 and add back tee on #16 for \$4,190. Vincent Leal seconded the motion. Approved 5 0.
- g. B. Funderburk stated the budget is still over \$4,162 to complete all the projects. L. Glick mentioned he would personally cover this amount if these projects are done.
- 6. Update on the status of the projects for the drainage on the side of hole #10 and replacement of the retaining wall at #18.
  - a. L. Glick reported the drainage work is actively being done.
  - b. V. Leal requested a copy of the RFQ. He has seen some of the work being done regarding the pipeline but has some questions. Dru Bolen responded he has a copy. Jermel Stevenson suggested V. Leal make arrangements with D. Bolen to obtain a copy of the information but if there are any barriers a copy can be obtain from Public Works.
  - c. The retaining wall is scheduled to begin September 15<sup>th</sup> and completion is expected to be in November. B. Marshall cautioned that there may be some complaints from neighboring homes because the pond has to be drained in the amount of approximately 2 feet.
- 7. Discuss golf course conditions.
  - a. Clean up of area adjacent to the old #6 tee. Don Tennant reminded that there is a float located there.D. Bolen reported that 3 fountains are going to be replaced.
  - b. L. Glick brought to attention a question about the driving range. Driving range balls are being hit onto the fairway of old #1. Previously the golf lessons were given on the right side of the driving range and now they have been moved to the far left side. Golfers on the right side of the tee are hitting more ahrent practice shots on the existing fairway of old #1. Possible solutions were discussed.
- 8. Discuss condition and overall rating of courses played other than Waterview, with emphasis on favorable and unfavorable comparisons to Waterview.
  - a. Brent Dorenbecker stated he played at seven courses to name a few Prestonwood Country Club, Grapevine, Cowboys Golf Club, there are some distinguishing factors but he prefers to play on Waterview's greens. People he has brought to play at Waterview want to return to play.
  - b. D. Bolen played at Tenison Park Golf Course.
  - Barbara Holst played at Hurricane Creek in McKinney and their greens were better but doesn't have as much traffic; Stonebridge Country Club and public courses such as Twin Creeks, Riverchase, and Bridges at Firewheel
  - d. Charles Alexander played at Mesquite Golf Club and he said it was very challenging.

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- e. L. Glick played at Pine Dunes in Frankson and shared that the course is in really great condition. He played at Colonial Country Club and described the trees as magnificent as well as the greens being great but did not notice much difference from those at Waterview.
- 9. Remind of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual GAB Golf Tournament to be held September 21, 2014 at 1:00pm.

L. Glick reminded members of the two teams, the date and time of the event. He asked D. Bolen if it was possible for him to put together prizes for the winning team. D. Bolen responded with a yes.

- 10. Status on water restrictions.
  - a. B. Funderburk reported the North Texas Municipal Water District has voted to remain in Stage 3 restrictions although to ensure water quality they are now allowing landscape irrigation once every week weeks until October 31, 2014.
  - b. V. Leal asked if the city has any plans to refill the area of Lake Hubbard that is north of Hwy 66. B. Funderburk responded that there are no plans.
- 11. Public Announcements.
  - a. J. Stevenson shared an update that the Parks and Recreation Department is being recommended for national accreditation. In October a formal announcement will be provided regarding the accreditation.
  - b. J. Stevenson announced that Movies on Main begins this Friday at dusk.
- 12. No topics for future agenda items requested by members for the next meeting.

13. Meeting adjourned at 9:33 a.m.

Larry Glick, Chairman

Jermel Stevenson, Director of Parks & Recreation